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1. ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH DEPARTURE OF "ARSENIJ".
2. INADVISABILITY OF TRANSFERRING "FOTON" TO "THE KIOSK".

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1804

22 Dec 1944

To VICTOR[1].

Your number 5968[a]. ARSENIJ[11] is considered [C% the senior] engineer

[61 groups unrecoverable]

that is, the NEIGHBOURS[111] themselves.

The possibilities of A.'s[1v] scheduled departure he talked over with PE.....[b][v] and BOLT [BOLT]

[57 groups unrecoverable]

A.'s transfer to take after receiving this letter.

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Your number 5959. We fancy that it would be inadvisable to transfer FOTON [vi] or indeed A. to the KIOSK [KIOSK] [vii]. They will bog down in office correspondence and will have no chance to meet with Americans. For the KIOSK one should recommend an engineer in the STORE [MAGAZIN] [viii] who is a secret collaborator [S/S] [c] - known to VADIM [ix].

FOTON should not be torn away from his studies [;] his value later will be greater.

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T.N.: [a] Not available.

[b] The single group for this cover-name is unidentified. Some possibilities for it would be: PHOENIX [PENIKS], CHESS QUEEN [PERZ'], POP [PERT], FETISH [FETISH].

[c] S/S: in full SEKRETNYY SOTRUDNIK.

Comments: [i] VICTOR: possibly Lt.-General Pavel Mikhailovich FITIN, head of the foreign intelligence branch of the NKGB.

[ii] ARSENIJ: Andrej Ivanovich SHEVCHENKO.

[iii] I.e. the Red Army Intelligence.

[iv] A.: i.e. ARSENIJ.

[v] On 6 November 1944 ANTON reported that, in connection with A.'s [i.e. ARSENIJ's] mission, his probationers would be handed over to others. Among the probationers was FE..... [unpublished text, external serial no. 1559].

[vi] The only other references to "FOTON" are in S/NBF/T188 (message dated 6 November 1944) in a largely unrecovered passage, and in S/NBF/T259, which indicates that "FOTON" is a Russian.

[vii] KIOSK: unidentified. The context suggests that it is a Russian organisation in the U.S.A. and the reference to VADIM suggests that it is in or close to WASHINGTON.

[viii] MAGAZIN: the Purchasing Commission of the Government of the Soviet Union in the U.S.A.

[ix] VADIM: Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON, D.C. and NKGB resident in WASHINGTON.

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